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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 30th, 1909.

THE prominence accorded by the Press to the resignation of Secretary Root and the discussion of the subject by public men and journalists is merely expressive of the great influence he has had on public affairs during his ten year's residence in Washington. That he will continue to influence public affairs from a different but no less important standpoint is matter of gratulation to the country at large. It has been long indeed since the greatest state of the Union has had an equally great representative on the floor of the Senate. But Elihu Root can never be merely a representative of even so great a state as New York. He has had too much to do with national and international affaire to become merely a provincial representative. In his recent address in Albany, he said that he would advocate a parcels post if New York State was in favor of it. That New York State will be in favor of it, there cannot be the slightest doubt, and Mr. Root doubtless knew this when he made the remark. The man whom he succeeds in the Senate has long been known as the representative of the express companies—the companies that have skimmed the cream of the postal profits and left the nation a yearly deficit. The Postoffice Department with its thousand of rural carriers bringing letters and newspapers to so many homes, might with immense helpfulness to farmers and suburbanites and immense profit to the nation, deliver parcels as is done in England, Germany, France and in every other civilized country in the world.

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Washington is busy with preparation for the inauguration ceremonies which will take place in scarcely more than a month from now. Everything has been prearranged except the weather. The fourth of March is down in the weather reports for a disagreeable day and a number of ineffective attempts have been made to change the inauguration day to another date. It is understood that there will be a condensation of the procession or parade which has on previous occasions been far too long drawn out. The Avenue is wide and seventy-five or a hundred men can easily march abreast on it. Such has been the vanity of civic and military organizations for conspicuousness, that some have actually insisted on marching single file, causing the spectators on the Avenue to wait frequently three or four hours until the whole procession passed.

The President, it is said, will make a breach in the old custom of riding with his successor to and from the Capitol. He will, it is understood, accompany the President-elect to the Capitol and see him inaugurated, but instead of returning with him to the White House, will make a beeline for the Union Station and thence to Oyster Bay, sailing a few days thereafter from New York to a Mediterranean port on his way to Africa. The President announced this program yesterday when he accepted the offer of the New York Republican Committee to act as his escort on the route from the Capitol to the station.

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The leaders of the Senate and of the House have held a conference with reference to the legislative program for the remaining thirty days of this session and it is plain that their purpose is not to permit the enactment of any general legislation beyond the appropriation bills. It has been the intention of the House to pass statehood bills for Arizona and New Mexico, but the Senate does not favor this action. The time for convening the special session for consideration of the tariff has been pretty definitely fixed for tenth of March or six days after the inauguration. This arrangement was made after consultation with Senator Knox, who, as his chosen Secretary of State, is supposed to represent President-elect Taft, now absent in Panama. Mr. Taft will probably approve this date and it is favored by Speaker Cannon and Republican leaders as a desirably early date for work on the new tariff bill.

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Much interest is expressed with reference to the very lofty tower for wireless telegraphy which it is proposed to erect in Washington for the purpose of communicating with ships at sea to a distance of three thousand miles. Bids have been submitted from seven firms and it is probable that a Pittsburg house offering to furnish the apparatus and tower for $182,600 will get the contract. The tower will probably have a construction somewhat similar to that of the famous Eiffel tower in Paris, though it is not expected to be as high as this structure.

COST FOR TRAMPS

During the month of January there were eighty-four men committed to the workhouse by magistrates, for trespassing upon the property of the various railroads. Of this number, forty-two were committed for ten days each, and the others for five-day terms.

A summing up of the total of days the men received in sentences, shows an aggregate of 630 days this month. The Levy Court allows the workhouse trustees forty cents a day for the keep of each prisoner. Consequently the taxpayer paid $252 during the month for the keep of an idle class of men, who were arrested, while on their way through the County. After they get out of jail they go to the railroad again and often times are rearrested.

This $252 does not include the cost which the constables and the magistrates collect for committing the men.

The number of commitments last month was obtained from the workhouse officials.

The sum mentioned is small as compared with other months. January was an unusually dull month for the railroad police. One of those officers, the police say, arrested sixteen men in two days and all were committed to the workhouse.

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PREACHER SPEAKS FOR THE PIPPINS

Tells Congregations Marydel Couple are Innocent of Intentional Crime

MARYDEL, MD., February 1st.—From the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal Church here there was delivered last night a spirited defense of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Pippin, who signed statements declaring that they had, by mistake, carried a bottle containing poison to the local opera house for use in an amateur play, and as a result of which their relative, Charles L. Pippin, died from drinking "stage wine" mixed with the contents.

Soon after mounting to the pulpit to begin his sermon, the Rev. E. H. Derrickson referred to the Pippin "confessions," and declared it to be his belief that the Pippins were innocent of "any intentional crime." In addition to this Mrs. Derrickson, wife of the pastor, spoke in behalf of the couple. Both the pastor and his wife asked the congregation to refrain from discussing the case.

When the story of the admissions of the Pippins became known among a few of their most intimate friends several persons visited the home to console Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pippin. Both are highly respected in Marydel, and no one believes that they intentionally put poison in the wine. Despite the similarity of name, the Pippin families do not claim relationship, but have been friends for many years.

Detective Pohler says he has no evidence to refute the accidental poisoning theory. He adds that at this time there is no apparent motive for anyone to have murdered Charles Pippin. However, the detective expects to submit the case to State's Attorney Deen to-day. There are still several details the detective wishes to investigate before saying positively how he regards the case.

One of the bottles from which Pippin drank the poison is the color of amber. Mrs. Maude Pippin said she was not positive the poison had come from her house until she heard this bottle described. She had contended the stage wine was drunk from a white bottle until her husband confirmed the report.

Mrs. Pippin said her reason for disposing of the bottle which Detective Pohler recovered from the well in the back yard of the Pippin home was that she feared she would be unjustly suspected by anyone conducting an investigation if poison were found in her house. She said she had no idea that the poison might have come from her home until she learned that bichloride of mercury and corrosive sublimate are practically the same.

Samuel Pippin said he did not know his wife had the old corrosive sublimate bottle in the house. He admitted he bought the corrosive sublimate in Wilmington and also that when he searched for two bottles for the play he found them in the garret—one an amber-colored bottle and the other a green bottle.

Samuel Pippin said the mistake might have been made while he was labeling two bottles to be used in the farce "Chaps." One of the bottles, he said, he washed, but the other he did not. The reason he did not wash the second bottle, he said, was because it was not supposed to contain anything, but was to have been labeled "Poison." Samuel Pippin said he believed he marked the clean bottle "Poison" and the unwashed bottle "Sherry wine." As Charles Pippin drank from the "sherry wine" bottle Mr. Pippin believes it was the one his wife had used for the corrosive sublimate solution.

THEY RULE THE HOUSEHOLD

The curious thing to me, says a prominent writer, is why some of the science that is expended on helpless babies is not continued to the child as it advances in age. The American baby is an example for infants the world over, so well trained and disciplined is it. But the American child of five years and up is properly placed in the list of horrible examples. The very mothers who are strictest with infants in arms, which are too young to oppose their wills to those of the powers that be, permit children who are a little older to rule the household and make the lives of visitors burdensome. The infant is raised according to rules as immutable as were the laws of the Medes and Persians. The infant's food is measured to the last drop, his meals are timed to the minute, he must sleep so long at a time and so many times a day, and he must gain so much a week or the physician looks serious. The infant's sisters and brothers, to the contrary, eat when and where they please, go to bed when it suits them, interrupt the conversations of their elders to speak a "piece" they have learned at school, and otherwise assert their superiority of restraint.

If any think this is a pessimistic point of view it must be because he is not intimately acquainted with any American child—charmingly dressed and charmingly pretty child, but self willed to a degree. It was an Englishman talking the other day who said that a special Providence must watch over America to allow such unbearable children to become such charming men and women. And it is true that as an infant we are all that a sypchologist could desire, and we generally come to our senses by the time we have reached 21, but between those ages we are altogether hopeless, except in a few isolated cases.

MODERATE DRINKING

If moderate drinking led to more moderation, and that to total abstinence, it would not be dangerous. The trouble is that it leads to more drinking and intemperance. Fifty years ago, in France, the people drank freely of light wines, using little strong drink. But the French people have learned a sad lesson. The wines created a thirst for intoxicants, and now strong drink has a firm hold on that people. Light wines are no longer satisfactory; distilled liquor and drunkenness are the common thing. The average consumption of alcohol is thirty-three pints a year to each inhabitant, twice as much as in any other country in Europe except Switzerland; eight times as much as in Canada. It is a sad commentary on moderate drinking, but a very suggestive one.

THE WATER CURE

Water! water, just as it is, if pure, is the most efficacious and cheapest of beautifiers. Generally speaking, we drink about one-fourth as much as we should through the day. Physicians advise water repeatedly, but we do not "get the habit." We are perhaps busy, and may allow a day to go by without one glass of water between meals; then we drink freely while we eat, which is worse than not drinking water at all, as it retards digestion, especially when the water is icy cold. One should drink water four times a day regularly, half an hour after breakfast, after dinner, after supper and half an hour before retiring, the temperature to suit individual taste (except very cold). The quantity should never be less than four to six large glasses or three pints in 24 hours; the water should not be icy cold, nor of a nauseating lukewarmth. Many benefit by a cup of hot water before breakfast in the morning, and if troubled with a form of indigestion called "gas," half a teaspoonful of powdered charcoal should be added. It affords speedy relief; then omit any liquid at meals. Avoid fatty, rich foods; masticate thoroughly, and slowly. It is surprising how soon one becomes used to not drinking while eating, and also how soon the good result will be manifest.

Many feel better when they drink a smaller quantity more frequently; but the individual must be his own judge regarding this, just so long as he imbibes his prescribed three pints in 24 hours.

To keep the blood in perfect circulation there is no better aid than bathing. Use a turkish towel mitten for the scrub off, and a huck, or turkish towel, for the vigorous after rub. This is most beneficial as a tonic bath. A little salt added sometimes gives good results to those in poor health.

The value of systematic and proper use of water is really wonderful, but for a person who is physically weak (unless it is ordered by a physician) the cold "dip" in the morning should not be indulged in. Sometimes it depresses, and again it accelerates the heart action, and causes exhaustion or sinking. After a strenuous day, what a luxury to have a sponge or tub bath, to don fresh linen and to sit down and rest. One should not indulge in it while very warm, or immediately after eating, however. Water is one of the greatest luxuries, and one which rich and poor may enjoy with equal freedom.

CURING INSOMNIA

What, then, can the sleepless woman do to herself? Let her note, in the first place, some things that she ought not to do. She ought not to drink tea or coffee, especially toward bedtime; for these stimulate the brain.

She ought not to spend all her time indoors, but rather live much in the open air and breathe deeply the while. She ought not, immediately before retiring, to read thrilling stories of "battle, murder, and sudden death." She ought, above all, says Samuel McComb, in Harper's Bazar, not to fear the idea of not sleeping; and for fear of not sleeping will be dissipated by the firm conviction that, even though she should remain awake for hours, some at least of the benefits of sleep can be obtained by using those hours aright. One goes to bed primarily to rest; secondarily to sleep. If one does not sleep, one should not keep turning over and over, growing more and more impatient with one's self, but should impose on the mind calm, peace, and a state as near vacuity as possible. As has been well said, "Sleep is like a pigeon. It comes to you if you have the appearance of not looking for it. It flies away if you try to catch it." If possible, approach bedtime with a feeling of indifference and learn to say within yourself, "If I sleep—well; if I don't sleep—also well, though not so well." This little lesson thoroughly learned will have the most beneficial influence in attracting sleep. Assuming, then, that the sufferer has removed the physical causes of sleeplessness, that noise; and light, and material discomforts are excluded—there is now no reason for the insomnia.

She has but to suggest to herself properly or talk to herself sleep for a while, and it will come. Relax the limbs. Close the eyes. Inhale a few deep breaths, and repeat silently and slowly some such formula as this: "There is now no reason why I should not sleep. Therefore I will sink down lower. I am sinking down. I know I am going to sleep. I feel sleep coming, coming. It is here. I sleep, sleep, a long, unbroken sleep."

HOW AUSTRALIAN GIRLS LIVE

Many Australian girls live right up in the bush, or "station," which are miles away from any town or village, and their time is largely occupied by riding and driving; they are as much at home on a horse as a duck is in the water, and think nothing of riding twenty miles or so to pay a visit. Household duties claim a share of their time; however, and any day they are liable to be left without servants and with a house full of visitors, but are in no wise daunted by such an occurrence. Then the bush girl comes down to the capital for the season, and, far from appearing a country pumpkin or a tomboy after her free and open-air life, she is as much at home in a ballroom as any town-bred girl, as neat and well dressed as if she had never ridden bareback over wild tracts of country, with little thought of appearances.

Color Blindness

Forty men and four women per thousand are either wholly unable to perceive certain colors, or can recognize them only with difficulty. The defect may be hereditary and cause so little trouble as to pass undetected for seventy years. All attempts to overcome color blindness by educating the color sense have failed. There are three theories of color vision, all based on the workings of the sensitive fibrils of the inner eye.

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CAN'T COLLECT BILLS

Wall-Paper Holding Company Admits Trust and Loses Law's Protection

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—Another decisive move in the slow but apparently sure process of rendering the existence of Trusts impossible in this country was made to-day by the Supreme Court of the United States when it handed down a tremendous and sweeping decision that outlaws every debt owed to a Trust.

Thus is placed in the hands of every citizen a weapon that can be used with deadly effect against all illegal combinations formed for the purpose of throttling competition and promoting monopoly. Under the decision all Trusts and combinations that seek to restrain trade by means of contracts with jobbers and retailers regulating prices and methods of sale are placed in the pirate or outlaw class that have no standing in the Courts, and they cannot collect debts or enforce contracts.

Crippling Blow to Big Concerns

Taken in connection with the decision of the same Court a couple of weeks ago in the Waters-Pierce Oil Company case, which come up on appeal from Texas, to-day's pronouncement by the highest judicial tribunal of the land appears to mark the beginning of the end of the Trust era in our commercial and industrial development. It is predicted by lawyers that the effect of to-day's decision will be far-reaching and will make absolutely necessary a reorganization of the many great concerns formed in the last 15 or 20 years for the purpose of dominating certain great lines of industry and commerce.

The case on which the decision was rendered was that of the Continental Wall Paper Company, otherwise known as the Wall Paper Trust, against Louise Voight, Sons & Co., of Cincinnati, a large jobbing firm. This firm seems to have made heavy purchases from the Wall Paper Trust, and refused to settle a balance owed to the Trust of $59,670.10.

In order to do business with the Trust the Cincinnati firm had been obliged to sell the Trust's goods below a certain price. The object of this agreement was, of course, to stifle competition, restrict trade and insure the Trust control of the wall paper market. The Trust sued Louis Voight, Sons & Co. in the Sixth Judicial district to obtain payment of the balance of $59,670.10, and the decision of the Court was against the Continental Wall Paper Company, which then appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The latter in its decision to-day up-held the lower Court, on the broad ground that the Courts of the United States could not be used to collect debts which accrued under illegal agreements such as that made by the Voight Company with the Wall Paper Trust.

Controls Wall Paper Output

The Continental Wall Paper Company is what is known as a "holding company" for the National Wall Paper Company and other manufacturers of wall paper. It was formed in 1898, under the laws of New York, with a capital of $200,000.

It controls 30 factories in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts, including 98 per cent. of the domestic output of wall paper. The articles of agreement show that the National Company was to select three directors of the Continental Company, three were to be chosen by the other manufacturers and the six were to elect a seventh, which Board was to have entire management and control of the affairs of the 30 factories and their output.

They also provided for the stifling of competition by agreements as to selling prices, which were fixed by the directors, and refusal to sell to any who cut the prices so fixed.

In the view of the Court the agreement to sell the product of the Continental Company above a certain figure was an attempt to restrain trade and therefore abnoxious to the provisions of the Sherman Anti-Trust act.

It will be recalled that in its decision in the Waters-Pierce Oil Company case the Court held that it was not essential that an actual monopoly should be effected in order to render the proceedings illegal. Even a tendency toward monopoly might be regarded as offensive to the law, and the law-making authorities had the power to penalize acts or agreements of this character.

A Five to Four Proposition

Unfortunately to-day's decision was a five-to-four proposition, while the Waters-Pierce decision was unanimous. Justice Harlan wrote the opinion of the majority of the Court in to-day's case. The dissenting opinion was handed down by Justice Holmes and was concurred in by Justices White, Brewer and Peckham.

Justice Harlan's opinion dealt in detail with the various phases of the case. It is based on the third defense of Voight that the company is part of a Trust. He started out with the proposition that the Continental Company is within the prohibitions of the Sherman act, which he said is clear from the facts set forth in its defense. He then went on to show that this corporation is the representative of a combination which would have the effect not only of restraining but of monopolizing the sale and manufacture of paper.

"The Continental Wall Paper Company," he said, "seeks in legal effect the aid of the Court to enforce a contract for the sale and purchase of goods which, it is admitted by the demurrer, was in fact and was intended by the parties to be based upon agreements that were and are essential parts of an illegal scheme. We state the matter in this way because the plaintiff, by its demurrer, admits for the purposes of this case the truth of all the facts alleged in the third defense."—Phila. *Record.*

Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

YE PARK

Beginning Monday, February 8th, Mr. Harry McRae Webster will introduce to Philadelphia theater patrons the Harry McRae Webster Associate Players presenting the highest class plays in the highest class possible by the highest class company ever seen in Philadelphia in this line of work.

Philadelphians need no introduction to Mr. Webster. He inaugurated and directed every detail of the Orpheum Players, at the Chestnut Street Theaters, and gave to Philadelphia a stock company and productions that set the standard throughout the entire country, for the highest class work in this line of entertainment. He will endeavor to establish, if it be possible, even a higher standard than that already attained.

Every detail regarding the policy of management, company, plays and productions at this theater will be under the personal direction of Mr. Webster, and the confidence the Philadelphia public have always reposed in him and his excellent work will be maintained and strengthened. His thorough knowledge of the tastes and desires of the theater patrons of Philadelphia will guide in his selection of plays and players. This will be especially evinced by a glance at the personnel of the company, among which will be found many names of artists who are particularly especial favorites in Philadelphia.

The following people will be members of the Harry McRae Webster Associate Players: Ralph Stuart, Paul Tharp, Hugh Cameron, John Steppling, Edward Wade, John Flemmings, Leah Winslow, Cordelia Macdonald, Lottie Briscoe, May McCabe, Edith Walls, Joe Bergen.

This speaks for itself. What Mr. Webster can do as to productions is needless to mention; the public knows Mr. Webster has surrounded himself with a competent staff both back and front of curtain, his personal manager and representative being Mr. Warren B. Emerson so long associated with Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau, Daniel Frohman, John Stetson and other well known managers; and every line of work in connection with the Harry McRae Webster Associate Players will be carried out by the entire staff on Mr. Webster's line of procedure.

The opening bill will be a most sumptuous production of E. H. Sothern's great success "An Enemy to the King," which necessitates a cast of nearly thirty people in speaking parts alone to say nothing of the many supernumeraries necessary for the production when produced properly, as all of Mr. Webster's plays will be done.

The scale of prices throughout this entire engagement will be as follows, and under no consideration will these prices vary on any occasion whatsoever, whether it be holiday or any other performance directly connected with this engagement. Of this the public can absolutely rest assured. Evening prices: Box seats, $1.00; lower floor, 75c, 50c and 35c; balcony, 50c, 35c and 25c; gallery, 15c.

Matinee prices: Box seats, 75c; lower floor, 50c, 35c and 25c; balcony, 35c, 25c and 20c; gallery, 15c.

Matinees will be Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and holidays.

THE CHEROKEE ROSE

There is a beautiful romance connected with the Cherokee rose. A young Indian chief of the Seminole tribe was taken prisoner by his enemies, the Cherokees, and doomed to torture, but fell so seriously ill that it became necessary to wait for his restoration to health before committing him to the fire.

As he lay prostrated by disease in the cabin of the Cherokee warrior the daughter of the latter, a young, dark faced maid was his nurse. She fell in love with the young chieftain and, wishing to save his life, urged him to escape. But he would not do so unless she would flee with him.

She consented. Before they had gone far, impelled by regret at leaving home, she asked permission of her lover to return for the purpose of bearing away some memento of it. So, retracing her footsteps, she broke a sprig from the white rose which climbed up the poles of her father's tent and, preserving it during her flight through the wilderness, planted it by the door of her new home in the land of the Seminoles. And from that day this beautiful flower has always been known throughout the southern states by the name of the Cherokee rose. —*Phila. North American.*

Siberia and the Butter Trade

Siberia is destined to control the butter trade of all Europe. The value of the butter shipped from Omsk alone amounts to 43,000,000 rubles ($22,145,000) annually. It is transported in refrigerator cars furnished by the railway company to large firms in Denmark and Germany, where it is repacked in tins, jars, and firkins and distributed throughout Europe

TO GRADE GRAIN BY LAW

Grain is Graded Low When Purchased and High When Sold by Buyers

Senator Dolliver recently reported from the Committee on Agriculture the McCumber bill providing for Federal grading and inspection of grain. It is the first time such a bill has been reported from a committee, although efforts have been made for several years to effect such legislation.

This bill is regarded as one of the most important to agricultural interests presented in years. For several years the Department of Agriculture has been conducting experiments to determine if a scientific and absolutely uniform system of grading grain could be devoloped. It is charged that under present conditions grading is simply a matter of individual judgment, and that judgments vary widely. The result of this is that in buying grain the tendency is to grade it too low, and this pays the producer too low a price for it, while in selling it the tendency is to overgrade it and overcharge for it. The American farmer consequently, is underpaid for his grain, the big grain-buying interests are credited with making undue profits, and in foreign markets confidence in American grading has been destroyed.

The bill recently reported provides for establishing a bureau for grain inspection and grading under the Department of Agriculture and the establishment of an inspection force, under a chief inspector, at Portland, Maine; Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, Duluth, Seattle, Superior, Kansas City, St. Louis, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Tacoma, San Francisco and other important centers of grain trade. The Secretary of Agriculture is to provide classification and grading of wheat, flax, corn, rye, oats, barley and other grains. He may adopt standards of classification now in force, or others, as his judgment may dictate, and the inspection force shall enforce them.

USING BROAD TIRES

Apropos of the proposed legislation regarding wide tires on wagons, it is said that, with the introduction of the good roads, there has been a decided tendency on the part of persons using wagons with narrow tires to increase the loads carried in such vehicles, and that this practice is making serious trouble for county highways. It is said, by persons who have watched the road in this county, that the side roads, that is, that portion of the roads which is on each side of the improved portion, being of dirt, is much cut by the traffic of the narrow tired vehicles, and this results in deep ruts, especially in wet weather. Then, when when the freeze comes, the once smooth road is transformed into a mass of ruts and hollows. With wider tires, it is claimed that the damage would be far less. In the case of the stone roads it is claimed by experts on these subjects that wagons having a tire of four inches or more in width, not overloaded, are more of a benefit to the roads than an injury.

In several states, in fact, in most of them, where improved roads have been built, there are laws under which a tax rebate of from fifty cents to one dollar per wheel is given for every wheel having a tire not less than four inches in width, which is quite advantageous to the farmers, on the other hand, and to the roads, which are improved by the wide tread. In a few years, the cost of the arlterations from narrow to wide tires is repaid the wagon owner, and much expense in the repair of roads is saved to the county. This saving is much greater, in every case, than the loss from the tax rebates amounnts to.

BREAD BAKING AND BACTERIA

From experiments made in Paris it appears that only the crust of bread is submitted to a sufficiently high temperature to kill all the bacteria which the loaf may contain. The inside of the loaf may, therefore, be contaminated by the microbes from a consumptive baker, or conveyed in the water, as is the case with typhoid fever and cholera. Professor Mitchikoff was asked his opinion whether bread could not be a source of danger, and his answer was as follows: "I don't think so. The temperature to which the inside of a loaf is submitted generally exceeds 140 degrees Fahrenheit. At this temperature many microbes are killed—that of tuberculosis, for instance—but there are much hardier germs, such as that of anthrax, the germs of which are only killed at over 224 degrees Fahrenheit. But anthrax is rare, and it is hardly likely that a baker attacked by this terrible malady would continue to work once the disease had declared itself." Professor Metchikoff advises, however, that only bread which is well baked, and, therefore, not crumbly, should be eaten.

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COLLEGE RUFFIANISM

Thursday's papers tell us of a threatened recurrence at Delaware College of the class ruffianism, which many years ago resulted in a deplorable tragedy there, and worked infinite harm for many years to that institution. This *cultivated* brutality upon the part of these young gentlemen, who are spending the hard earned money of their parents, and who, by reason of the advantages they enjoy, should be expected to exhibit superior rather than inferior manners, is totally without excuse.

We trust the College authorities will ruthlessly nip in the bud the whole silly business of hazing, assaulting and kidnapping lower classmen, breaking up banquets, etc.

The attempt to import into this state the ruffianly practices which have repeatedly disgraced the U. of P., should be suppressed instantly and at any cost, even if need be of a wholesale dismissal of the entire offending class. About a year ago Kugler's Restaurant on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, was attacked and sacked by a mob of sophomores from the U. of P., and the parents of the silly youth had a bill of $1,000 to pay for the "fun."

The account states that the officers of the freshman class at Delaware College are being hidden to prevent their forcible seizure by the sophomores, and that a raid is expected upon the lower classmen's supper in Wilmington.

We repeat the hope that the President and faculty of Delaware College, under whose able management for a number of years past that institution has achieved such notable success, will remorselessly stamp out every vestiage of this wish upon the part of those who should show themselves educated gentlemen, to play the degrading role of naked savages.

LOOKING BACKWARD AT LIFE

The perspective of life shows some very strange transformations in values. It reveals that the only great things in life are trifles, that what pained us most, saddened our hearts and made pillows wet with tears, were only trifles cumulating into overwhelming importance. A cruel word, an unkindness, a little misunderstanding may darken a day and separate us from one we love or may petrify us into a mood of doubt and despair. The most joyous moments of life, the highlights in the pictures of memory, may too be only trifles of kindness, fine expressions of love, simple tributes of confidence and trust that makes the very heart smile as we remember.

Nature is constantly giving us these turns in the road to see living in true perspective. A supreme sorrow, an agonizing sense of loss, the high-tide of failure that carries our dearest hopes out the sea, a long period of illness and suffering, a storm of disaster when the ship of our work of years sinks in a moment in a dark night of despair, the death of one who is dearest and nearest may prove—a turn in the road. Then may come one of those moments of life, of fine spiritual discernment, of luminous revelation, of coming to one's highest self, when the sordid, the mean, the temporary, the selfish, are stripped in an instant of their garish shams and tinsel. Then the real, the true, the eternal, stand out in their majesty bathed in the splendor and glow of the revealing of truth. In such a spirit the very tingle of the inspiration of the infinite fills us, we seem born again to new, better, and greater things, for we have seen the vision—at the turn of the road.—*Circle Magazine*

STATE OPTICIANS WANT LEGISLATION

Among the proposed bills to be brought before the present Legislature will be one regulating the practice of optometry in this State.

Thursday morning's session of the annual meeting of the Delaware State Optical Society in the Y. M. C. A. Building in Wilmington, was devoted to discussion of the proposed measure. One hundred or more opticians attended the meeting. "An Optometry Law a Paramount Necessity for Delaware," was the subject of discussion, which was opened by Millard F. Davis. M. B. Burstan of Middletown, also spoke.

Reports were heard and officers elected.

WILLIAM S. HILLES FOR CHANCELLOR

It is stated here that Governor Pennewill has offered the office of Chancellor to William S. Hilles, of Wilmington. The appointment will be made in connection with the naming of an entirely new judiciary of Delaware by the Governor next June for terms of twelve years. Mr. Hilles, who is council for General T. Coleman duPont, the Republican State chairman, asked the Governor for time in which to consider the proffer. The Executive, it is said, is waiting to hear from him before taking any further steps in the selection of a new bench.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Hilles, who is one of the leading lawyers of the Delaware bar, could be the successor of Chancellor John R. Nicholson, (Dem.) if he would accept the place, but the announcement of the formal offer by the Governor has just been learned. Mr. Hilles is an active Republican. For a number of years he has acted as chairman at the Republican State conventions filling this post at the convention last May, which elected six delegates and as many alternates to the Chicago convention. He is a son-in-law of the late Ambassador, Thomas F. Bayard, having married the latter's daughter, Florence. His law office is in Wilmington, but he resides on a handsome country place, facing the Delaware river, below New Castle.

Considering the Offer

Mr. Hilles' reasons for asking for time in which to consider the Chancellorship is the financial loss that would follow. The office pays $4,500 per year, but his law practice greatly exceeds that sum, it being one of the largest in Delaware. This testifies to his legal ability. It is probable that a decision will be given by him in a short time. Many prominent friends of Mr. Hilles are urging him to accept.

With the selection of a Chancellor, who heads the Delaware judiciary, Governor Pennewill be enabled to consider the other members of the bench—Chief Justice, Judge-at-large, and Associate Judges for each of the three counties. The office of Chief Justice, like that of Chancellor, pays $4,500 per year. The pay of the other judges is $4,000 per annum.

[Communicated.]

THEY'LL MAKE IT GO

ED. TRANSCRIPT:—I can tell your friend, "Man About Town," who seems anxious to see things municipal put to rights, how to get the job done quickly and well—just ask the blessed good women of the town, married and single—no matter—they'll make it go—sure. Why, the lightning-like fashion in which, in many cities and towns, they have righted chronic, municipal abuses, and neglected civic duties, cleaned up dirty streets, fixed broken pavements and jacked up a sleepy, slipshod masculine management generally, is enough to make the laziest mere man sit up and take notice! Our ladies at Lewes, under the auspices of the "Zwanandael Club," are just making things hum down there—"the wilderness to blossom like the rose," in fact. Can't our Twentieth Century Club ladies or their sisters of the Middletown Public Library—none sweeter, smarter anywhere—do as much? You be sure they can—leastwise this poor, old bachelor believes they can—Will they?

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OLD BACH.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

R. B. Foard has opened a grocery store at Cayot.

Miss Evelyn Kibler is enjoying a visit in Philadelphia.

Dr. Delmar Smithers was a Philadelphia visistor last week.

Miss Elizabeth Swing is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mary C. Price is visiting relatives at Elkins Park, Pa.

Mrs. J. W. Clayton is spending several days in Philadelphia.

Albert Murray, of Trenton, N. J., was recent visitor here.

Mrs. J. Groome Steele was a visitor in Philadelphia last week.

Miss Annie Moore spent last week with relatives at Warwick.

Miss Lulu Bryson was entertained by Miss Gladys Banks over Sunday.

Miss Florence Egee is spending several days of this week in Philadelphia.

Philip Young, of Montclair, N. J., spent several days last week in town.

Mrs. Ida Bouchelle and Miss Mary Bouchelle spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. E. J. Gardner and daughter, of Carlisle, Pa., have been visiting Mrs. Harry Pierce.

The Spinsters' Club was entertained at the home of Miss Florence Egee on Tuesday evening last.

Misses Dora Steele and Katharine Hanson were entertained by Mrs. H. W. Kibler on Friday.

Several from here attended the banquet given by the Heptasophs at Summit Bridge Thursday evening.

Communion services will be held in the Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday at 10.30 A. m., by Rev. H. M. G. Huff.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rees, Misses Lillie Woolford, Florence Egee, Esie Karsner and Hattie Morgan and Mr. Richard S. Wallis were entertained at dinner Friday evening by Mr. Harry Howard.

The Christian Endeavor Society will hold a "Valentine Luncheon" in Reed's corner store Saturday, February 13.

Fire broke out Friday evening around a fire-place at the home of W. S. Byers, but was extinguished before it had gained too much headway.

Mrs. Ralph Rees entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard, Miss Lillie Woolford and Harry Howard on Wednesday evening.

Those from here who spent Thursday sight seeing in Washington were Prof. H. W. Caldwell, Mr. John Reed, Misses Mary Walter, Gladys Banks, Augusta Egee, Lelia Thornton and Lulu Bryson; Messrs. Ward Beaston, George McKeown and Byron Rhoades.

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

Brief Summary of the Doings of the General Assembly During Past Week

Though the first month of the legislative session of 1909 has passed into history, comparatively little has been accomplished, which is due chiefly to the fact that business was not offered as extensively as it might have been. Such business as is pending before the two houses is in shape for consideration early next month, and there is now ample opportunity for any new measures which may be proposed. Several of the members have personally urged their constituents to hasten what business they may have, but in most cases the response has been slow.

Smaller License For Eating Houses

Several of the members have prospective legislation under consideration, and as soon as bills can be drawn they will be offered.

Representative Lafferty, of Kent county, has interested himself in a proposition to increase the tax on pool rooms and reduce the license charged eating houses. He is of the opinion that this change should be made and he will take the matter up next week with John B. Hutton, the attorney for the House. He is of the opinion that the eating house license regulations should be remodeled considerably, so as to make a lighter tax burden on those who are engaged in the business in a small way.

More Help for Secretary of State

Work has grown to such proportions in the office of the Secretary of State that the new Secretary, Daniel O. Hastings, desires a clerk, which addition to his force he say is necessary to properly look after the business of the office.

House Favors Repeal of Voters' Assistant Act

By a strict party vote of 18 to 16, Representative Bradford, Republican, being absent, the House passed the House bill repealing the voters' assistant law, and there was the liveliest debate of the session. The bill now goes to the Senate; but that body will, it is reported, likely offer a substitute bill providing for a new ballot law and a modified form of voters' assistants. The bringing up of the bill for final action in the House resulted in much oratory and for a time there was a lively discussion.

Milford Hospital Project

The bill given notice of in the House by Mr. Hudson provides for a state appropriation of $8,000 to go toward the purchase of ground for and the erection of an emergency hospital at Milford, and appropriates $2,000 toward maintenance for the first year, the amounts to be paid February 1st, 1910.

State Live Stock Board

Sentiment appears to be divided among members of the legislature as to what should be done with the bill creating a State Live Stock Board and providing for a state veterinarian. The way the bill is drawn the State Board of Agriculture is to comprise the live stock board and each of the members is to be paid a salary of $250 a year as such, while the veterinarian, who must be a graduate of some recognized veterinary college, is to receive a salary of $1,000 a year. Some of the legislators appear to be in favor of amending the bill so as to make the veterinarian a member of the board the same salary of the other members thereof, but what the ultimate result will be is not known.

This Bill May Strike a Snag

Mr. Townsend's bill making January first of each year moving day for farmers all over the state, which has been given notice of in the House, is likely to meet with opposition, as it has been learned that there is a feeling in Sussex county in favor of a later date. Legislators have been asked to offer a bill making March first moving day all over the state.

Monument Site Changed

Senate joint resolution has been adopted authorizing the Gettysburg National Park Commission to change the monument erected to Delaware troops from its present location to that held by the troops in battle.

Adopted—Senate joint resolutions fixing February 19th as the time beyond which no new business will be received.

Insurance Profitable to State

That the state derives substantial revenue from the insurance companies was shown by the biennial report of Dr. George W. Marshall, the retiring insurance commissioner. The receipts for 1907 were given as $51,598.87; disbursements, $3,700, making the year's profit to the state $47,998.87. For 1908 the figures were: Receipts, $60,024.17; disbursements, $8,700; net profit, $56,324 17. A recommendation was made in the report that fraternal beneficial associations be brought under the supervision of the insurance department.

State Libraries.

Reports of Manlove Hayes, president of the State Library Commission, and the state traveling libraries, were submitted to the legislature. Mr. Hayes reports a steady and increased demand for traveling libraries throughout the state and this has been supplied as far as the means of the commission has enabled the librarian to meet the applications. There are 63 of these libraries, and most of the applications for them are the teachers of country schools and from Sunday schools. In 1907 and 1908 the traveling libraries were circulated 235 times, and they were distributed in the three counties as follows: 79 were sent to New Castle county, 83 to Kent county and 73 to Sussex county, During this time 51 libraries have been circulated among the Sunday schools in the state.

Colored State College Visited

Members of the General Assembly Tuesday paid their biennial visit to the State College for Colored Students near Dover, where they were entertained at dinner, and the legislators returned to Dover much pleased with the manner in which they had been entertained. The trip to the college was made in carriages which had been provided by the trustees of the school, and it was made during the noon recess. The legislators were welcomed by Dr. George W. Marshall, Henry C. Conrad, Henry P. Cannon and other trustees of the school and Prof. W. C. Jason. The main building was first inspected, after which a fine dinner was served. Later they were shown through the other departments where the young colored men and women are taught manual training and domestic work, as well as given a good basic education. At the dinner the students acted as waiters, and speeches were made by Trustees Marshall, Conrad and Cannon. They explained that the school was not seeking a state appropriation, but that the school desired the members of the legislature present in order to show its good will. The college is supported by appropriation from the government, but several of the buildings have been erected with money appropriated by the state. At present there are 110 student enrolled.

Taxation Commission Continued

Governor Pennewill signed the bill continuing the State Board of Revenue and Taxion.

Also the bill returning $6,000 overpaid license money to liquor dealers of New Castle county was sent to him for his action.

Inauguration Appropriation

Chairman Williamson of the appropriation committee of the House, by direction of a majority of that committee, reported favorably the bill appropriating $4,800 for the attendance of the governor and and staff and militia at the presidential inauguration.

The Senate passed the House bill appropriating $25,000 to the trustees of the Delaware state Hospital at Farnhurst.

To Remodel State House

Senator Conner has abandoned his idea of having a new State House built at this time, and, while he gave notice, early in the present session of the legislature, of a bill providing for a new building, at a cost of about $250,000, to be paid for out of a bond issue, he has substituted a project, in keeping with the suggestion of the patriotic societies of Delaware, providing for the enlarging and remodeling of the present building, the cost of which, he estimates, will be about half the estimate for a new building, or about $125,000.

Members to Attend Launching of Battleship Delaware

Speaker Cooper of the House announced the House Committee to attend the launching of the battleship Delaware. It comprises Representatives Welch, of Wilmington, Hazel, of Dover, republicans, Grubb of Brandywine Hundred, Williams, of Kent Donoho, of Sussex, democrats. Naturally there was some disappointment among those not named for the honor. The Delaware launching party is limited to 68 members, and left on the Norfolk express Friday morning and arrived at Newport News that evening. The party will be quartered at the Hotel Warwick, where, after the launching, the Delaware party will be entertained at the launching breakfast. Those in the Delaware party will pay their fare to and from Newport News and the state appropriation of $500 will be used to defray the expense of board, and if any money is left it will be applied toward the fares of the members.

Drug Store Regulations

Senator Anderson introduced his bill regulating the sale of liquor for medicinal purposes, which prohibits any druggist selling liquor except on the bonafide prescription of a physician and requires the signing by the purchaser of the liquor on a register and the immediate cancellation of the prescription. The bill provides a fine of from $100 to $500 and imprisonment of from one to six months for any physician or druggist violating the provision of this bill.

Local Option Bill

The House bill providing for resubmission of the question of license or no licenee in rural New Castle has not come up for a vote in the house. By a vote of 8 to 2 action was postponed until next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

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The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE
FEBRUARY 20th, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
FEBRUARY 22d, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.

AT DELANEY'S,
(DAVIS' STORE)
FEBRUARY 26th, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
SATURDAYS,
FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1909.
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

FOR SALE!

Yoke of oxen or would exchange for young farm horse.

GEORGE L. TOWNSEND,
Odessa, Del

The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.25 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m

For Odessa—7.50 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.30 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.30 a, m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 6, 1909.

Local News

Fresh and salt meats of the first quality, at W. H. ECHENHOFER'S.

Get your button moulds at A. FOGEL'S.

"Primo" dairy food in quantities to suit at REE'S FEED STORE.

High-grade dental service. Examination and estimate, free. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown. 'Phone 18.

Best quality of country butter at W. H. ECHENHOFER'S.

Highest cash prices paid for fresh eggs and poultry. W. H. ECHENHOFER.

W. B. Corsets 15 per cent. off during the month of February. A. FOGEL.

"Primo" dairy food in quantities to suit at REE'S FEED STORE.

FOR SALE—I have several farms small and large, well located, at reasonable prices, in St. Georges Hundred. GEO. W. INGRAM.

High-grade dental service. Examination and estimate, free. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown. 'Phone 18.

Leave your orders for HIGH GRADE COAL at Either Office, which will be promptly filled. Always in stock; all sizes. Phone 5. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

There are plenty bargains left yet at our special reduction sale. See our ad. A. FOGEL.

Send your items and personal notices into the paper, that is the way to help make it interesting. Just sign your name, we won't publish it, and then the article will be sure of getting in.

WANTED.—$2000 and $4000 on first mortgage on farms; unquestionable security. GEO. W. INGRAM.

FOR RENT.—House and Stable, east Main street, now occupied by Edgar B. Vail. G. E. HUKILL.

Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

Our white goods sale is on, with plenty of bargains waiting for you. A. FOGEL.

FOR SALE.—Partition suitable for office with 5 frosted glass windows and double doors. Apply to DR. P. R. SMITH.

FOR RENT.—Store and dwelling, Broad and Lake streets, good business stand and opportunity. WM. BROCKSON.

Tuesday, February 9th, being the birthday anniversary, a Tea will be given in the New Century Club room at the regular hour.

Come and get one or two of the $2.00 waists for 98c before they are all gone, at A. FOGEL'S.

District Superintendent A. S. Mowbray will hold the Fourth Quarterly Conference for Bethel and Summit charge at Summit Bridge, Saturday, February 6th, at 2 P. M.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Jan. 28th: Mrs. Martha Cork, Mrs. Josephine Trusty, Isaac Jhonson, Joseph Seafrus.

Mrs. John C. Stites gave a pleasant reception yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6, at her home on West Main street. The reception was given in honor of Mrs. Ansell, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Hugh C. Browne and Miss May Whaley.

A petition is being circulated in Cecil county, Md., requesting the Legislature to pass a law to allow the women to vote. Many names are being secured. It is not known what aid Governor Crothers may lend his female neighbors.

A bill which will interest all gunners in Delaware will be introduced in the House at Dover sometime during the coming week. It provides that it shall be a crime to steal hunting dogs. Representative Oscar Welch will introduce it.

The centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will be properly observed on February 12th. The Government will issue Lincoln two cent stamps, of regulation size, red in color, with a profile of Lincoln taken from St. Gauden's statue, and bearing the dates of his birth and of the centenary.

Tuesday was "Ground Hog Day," and, if tradition is correct, we may content ourselves with six more weeks of bad weather, as the day was bright and sunshiny and the little fellow when he came out of his winter quarters had no difficulty in seeing his shadow, but stayed out all day and basked in the sun.

The ladies of Bethel M. E. Church will hold a supper at the residence of Mr. Isaac Dean on Bohemia Manor, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, February 10th and 11th, or in case of storm, the following evening. Supper tickets 25 cents. Refreshments also served. Proceeds for the benefit of Bethel M. E. Church. All are invited.

At a meeting of the congregation of Forest Presbyterian Church, held on Thursday, the following nine trustees were elected: Dr. John C. Stites for one year; George Janvier, Edward Reynolds, Walter Beasten and Charles Derrickson, two years; J. Moody Rothwell, Isaac J. Woods, Andrew S. Eliason and J. Frank Eliason to serve five years. Dr. Stites, Mr. Beasten and Mr. Derrickson were elected to fill unexpired terms caused by death or resignation.

The New Century Club entertained the Executive Board of the Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Stites, Tuesday, February the second. Those present were: Mrs. George W. Marshall, Milford; Mrs. A. D. Warner, Mrs. Betts and Miss Emily P. Bissell, Wilmington; Mrs. Richard Cann, Kirkwood; Mrs. Cecil C. Fulton and Miss Hayes, Dover; Mrs. James W. Clifton and Mrs. Samuel J. Reynolds, Smyrna; Mrs. R. J. Lindale and Mrs. Charles H. Jolls, Wyoming; Mrs. Cooke, Seaford; Mrs. Samuel Roe, Felton; Mrs. J. C. Stites and Miss Mary Hutchin, town. Luncheon was served at two o'clock by Misses Dora Price, Laura Willits, Maria Nowland, May Holten and Mrs. J. L. Shepherd. Later in the afternoon the ladies were invited to visit the Middletown Farms Creamery where a very interesting hour was spent.

Appoquinimink Tribe, No. 29, Improved Order of Red Men, of Odessa, will hold its 22d anniversary in Red Men's Hall, February 16th. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

The fox hunt at Glasgow, given by Harry L. Dayett, was largely attended, there being about forty horsemen and double that number of hounds on hand for the fun. The wind was too high, however, and the fox, after doubling on his trail, was finally lost within a mile of the starting point. The hunters and hounds kept up a vain search until nearly four o'clock, but failed to get on the scent.

Trappers at Taylor's Bridge report that the trapping season has been successful this winter. Among the leading trappers there are: John Vanhorn, Alfred Foraker and George GarJner. Mr. Vanhorn caught 60 muskrats in one night while Foraker and Gardner caught 55 and 50, respectively, in a similar period. The pelts sell readily at 35 cents each. Samuel David is another successful trapper at that place. It is estimated that each of these trappers will clear $600 during the winter.

At a meeting of tomato growers held in the room over the *New Era* office on last Saturday afternoon it was unanimously agreed not to grow tomatoes for the coming season for less than $9.00 per ton for factory purposes. It was also agreed that the crop must be settled for in two payments—September 15th and October 20th. A meeting will be held in the same room this (Saturday) afternoon, at two o'clock, and all farmers interested in growing tomatoes are invited.

It will cost the state of Maryland close to $40,000 to pay for the cattle taken in stamping out the foot and mouth disease, and in addition the Commonwealth will have to meet charges for property destroyed about cattle pens and barnyards. Wednesday's action of the Appropriation Committee makes $90,000 available. Of this, $35,000 will be returned to the State Treasury to replace funds taken by the State Live Stock Board in emergency work. Practically all of the rest of the $90,000 will be expended among the farmers of the State.

We read in the Philadelphia papers that a 24 year old married man was yanked up before a magistrate for some drunken capers and sent up for 5 days. His ma who was present thereupon seized the naughty little boy (?) and laying him across her knees administered a sound spanking much to the astonishment and delight of the justice who in consideration of the aforesaid maternal palmar exhibition, remitted the 5 days. Now, we rise to a "pint of order." That this was a plain violation of the poor fellow's rights under the Constitution of the United States, which forbids "cruel and unusual punishments!" Married men, to the rescue!

OBITUARY

ALFRED M. CHAMBERLAINE

The sudden death of Alfred M. Chamberlaine at an early hour Tuesday morning, cast a gloom over this entire community, as many of our people were not aware of his illness until informed of his death. Mr. Chamberlaine was stricken with pneumonia just one week previous to his death, and his relatives and friends realized from the first that his condition was critical, and did everything possible to restore him to health, but death relieved him of his suffering at one o'clock Tuesday morning.

Alfred M. Chamberlaine's death brought the bitter cup of sorrow to the lips of his friends and relatives. In his death we fully and keenly realize our loss. He was a true friend, and his devotion to those he loved would make a bright chapter in any life, and nothing but the thought of the loving hand that has removed him can reconcile us to his absence. While he has gone from the scenes, the conflicts, the sorrows and pleasures of life, he will long live in the hearts of those who knew him best. It may truly be said, he was a kind, loving husband and father, and his devotion to the family circle had no limit.

Alfred M. Chamberlaine was the son of the late Dr. George G. Chamberlaine, who for many years was one of the leading physicians of Middletown, and is survived by four brothers, Rev. Henry Chamberlaine, of New York; Lloyd, George and Herbert, all now living in New York. Four years ago he married Mrs. Elizabeth Boyer Vaughan, widow of the late Dr. Horace Vaughan, and daughter of the late William Boyer, who with a little son of two years survive him.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, in St. Anne's P. E. Church, with interment in St. Anne's Cemetery, near town. Bishop Frederick J. Kinsman and Rev. A. E. Clay assisted the rector, Rev. Percy L. Donaghay, at the services. The pall bearers were Jesse L. Shepherd, Jefferson B. Foard, George D. Kelley, George Janvier, Howard A. Pool and Dr. J. C. Stites.

MRS. ELIZABETH M. STEVENS

After an illness of many months, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Stevens, widow of the late Alfred Stevens, died at her home in Odessa Wednesday morning, aged 59 years.

Mrs. Stevens had been a great sufferer for the past two years, yet her life was gentle. She was always ready to lend a helping hand, both in acts of kindness and in words, but the great destroyer had placed His signet on her brow, and to-day, those who loved her living, mourn her dead. She leaves six sons, Stanley S., of Delaware City; Daniel W., of this town; Alfred P., of Philadelphia; I. Moody, of Chester; Pierson B., of Odessa, and Preston L., of Wilmington, and three daughters, Mrs. Helen Kumpel, of Medford, N. J.; Mrs. Margaret Staurt, of Chester, and Miss Bertha, of Odessa, to mourn her death.

The funeral services were conducted at her late home in Odessa, on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, by the Rev. D. J. Givan, and interment was made in St. Paul's M. E. Cemetery. Her six sons acted as pall bearers.

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PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. A. G. Pennington is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Nan Wilson, of Milford, is visiting Mrs. Abram Hayden.

Mrs. Isaac M. Green, of near town, is spending sometime in Philadelphia.

Mr. F. N. Davis, teller of the Citizens National Bank, has been ill for the past week.

Mrs. Edward Mifflin, of Ridley Park, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Lockwood.

Miss Bessie O'Day, of Seaford, is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. David I. Allen.

Miss May Whaley, of Portsmouth, Va., is spending several weeks with Miss Dora R. Price.

Miss Elsie Wallace, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Downey.

Mrs. A. Fogel and Miss R. E. Culp are attending the Imported showing of hats in New York.

Mrs. Levi G. Sterner, of Camden, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.

Mrs. R. L. Naudain is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Adella Green, on Case Street.

Mrs. G. W. W. Naudain has returned home, after a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. O. G. Goodhand, in New York City.

Mrs. J. Wallace Beasten has returned to her home in Hertford, N. C., after a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cochran.

Mrs. J. C. Parker has returned home, after a month's stay at Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. Parker spent part of this week at Atlantic City with his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Sowden and little daughter, Eliza, of Narbeth, Pa., were entertained on Monday by Mr. Isaac M. Green and family, near town.

Dr. M. B. Burstan, Optician, who has been taking a special course in New York City and attending lectures at the University of Columbia, has returned to resume his practice.

Mrs. Charles Derrickson was in Dover this week. Mrs. Derrickson is one of the Board of Directors of the Palmer Home for Old People, situated in Dover, and is much interested in the work.

Mrs. Kilpatrick and little daughter May, who have been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, have returned to their home in Morton, Pa. Mrs. McWhorter accompanied Mrs. Kilpatrick and will spend the week with her.

ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils of Middletown Public Schools have obtained an average of 90 per cent. or better for the month of January:

HIGH SCHOOL. Grade A—Lenora Davis Elsie Boulden, Lena King, Arthur Price. Grade B—Martha Voshell. Grade C—Rupert Burstan, Irving Brockson.

DEPARTMENT No. 2. Class A—Maude Taylor, Viola Weber, Helen McDowell, Bertha Manlove, Frank Richards. Class B—Elizabeth Gibbs, Tim Hukill, Edward Jones, Miriam Berkman, Jennie Gallagher

DEPARTMENT No. 3. Class A—Theodore Whitlock. Class B—Sarah Kates, Elmer Kirk.

DEPARTMENT No. 4. Class A—Clarence Weber, Bessie Denny, Cindrella Whitlock, Edith Eliason. Class B—Mildred Vaughan, Frank McWhorter, Delma Dockety, Frank Walker, Mildred Freeman, George Bingnear, Odell Gallagher, Clara Gallagher, Foster Johnson.

DEPARTMENT No. 5. Class A—Millie Rosenberg, Lelia Pratt, Frances Cochran, Margaret Pleasanton. Mildred Hall, Hattie Cochran, Esther Whitlock, Albert Schuman, Maurice Lundy, Alden Parker, Benjamin Pinder, Florence Pennewill. Class B—Allee Hall, Benjamin Williams, Frank Jones, Edwin McDowell, Richard Cochran.

Brown Cottage School

The following pupils have attained an average of 90 per cent. or higher for the month of January: Nelson Sparks, Byran Boulden, Bennett Boulden, George Insolo.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His wise Providence to remove from us our late brother and vestryman, Alfred M. Chamberlaine, be it therefore

Resolved, That while we bow with humble submission to the dispensation of Divine Providence, we nevertheless feel that in his removal St. Anne's Parish has lost a life long friend and the Vestry an attentive member, and they will miss his presence and council. For many years he has been one of the organists of the Parish and took a keen interest in the choir and tried to further its interests.

Resolved, That we tender to his beloved widow and family our affectionate sympathy, on this their great bereavement, and pray that the best blessings of our Heavenly Father may sustain and comfort them in this their sorrow.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Vestry, published in the local papers and a copy sent to the widow and family.

M. N. WILLITS,
Secretary of the Vestry.

TOWNSEND WILL REMAIN DRY

Townsend, the nearest New Castle county town to "dry" territory, will continue to be a temperance town for another year at least. Reuben Warren, who had applied for a hotel license there, having withdrawn his application in open court in Wilmington, Saturday. A license for the hotel there was refused one year ago, since which time two applications have been made for a new license but neither have proved successful. Mr. Warren's application of the present term of court was met by numerous remonstrances, and rather than have the license refused, Mr. Warren withdrew the application.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$1.06	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	62
Timothy Seed	$2.35	" cob	67
Clover Seed	.11½	Oats	62

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	30@32
Fountry Butter, per lb	30@35
Creamery Butter, per lb	38
Lard, per lb	11@14
Live Chickens, per lb	12@14
Potatoes	50

TOWNSEND

Miss Anna Lawson visited her sister in Wilmington on Sunday.

Miss Helen Simpson, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Rhoads.

Mr. John Kiggin, of New Castle, spent Wednesday with Mr. Roy Lockerman.

Mr. and Mrs. George VanDyke spent Wednesday with their son near Smyrna.

Mr. B. G. Lockerman, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. John Ernest, of Sassafras, Md., was the guest of Mr. Lloyd Knotts, recently.

Mr. Leon Jones, of near Smyrna, was the guest of Otho Marvel and family on Sunday.

Mr. Herman Kumpel and family, of Odessa, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Lida Alfree, of near town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crossan, of Wilmington, were over Sunday visitors with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hart.

Miss Hanna Ames, who has been spending the past week with her friend, Miss Mary Money, returned to her home in Roxborough on Monday.

A large delegation from here visited Wilmington, on Saturday last, in the interest of the temperance cause. They came back well pleased, as the application for a license for the local hotel was withdrawn.

The community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Marvel, mother of Mr. Otho Marvel, of this town, on Wednesday last. Her grandson, Baynard, who had been visiting her returned home, leaving her apparently well and was shocked on arriving home to receive the message that she had passed away.

ODESSA

Mrs. O. C. Stevens is spending a few days this week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward were visitors in Chester, Pa., last week and part of this week.

Miss Henrietta G. Neal, of Baltimore, Md., visited Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Hallett last week.

Rev. D. J. Givan and wife entertained one day last week A. Eaton and wife, of Parksley, Va.

Mrs. J. B. Brackett left last week for New Jersey, where she will spend sometime with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, of Kingston, N. Y., are the guests of his mother, Mrs. George Moore.

Mrs. George Webb, of Port Penn, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Roemer, near town.

Mrs. Oliver Jones and son William, of Kenton, and Miss L. L. Skellenger, of Wilmington, spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. W. H. Eccles.

The many friends of Mr. J. B. Chadwick are glad to learn of the recovery of his family from scarlet fever and are glad to welcome them in their midst again.

The third entertainment in the Brotherhood Course has been postponed from Thursday, February 4th, as advervised, until Monday, February 8th, on which date Dr. George Edward Reed, President of Dickinson College, will lecture on "Enthusiasm and Enthusiasts—Men who make the World." Dr. Reed is a silver tongued orator and himself very much of an enthusiast, and all who come to hear him may be assured of a rare treat and an evening well spent.

LOCAL OPTION BILL

DOVER, Del., Feb. 3.—The House bill, providing for resubmission of the question of license or no license, in rural New Castle did not come up for a vote in the House to-day, for by a vote of 18 to 12 action was postponed until next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Representative Armstrong who introduced the bill brought up the matter, when he moved the adoption of an amendment, Mr. Ainscow moved that definitely fixing the district affected than was done in the original bill.

Just as the clerk started to read the amendment, Mr. Ainscow moved that further reading be postponed until 11 o'clock next Wednesday morning. The motion was seconded by Mr. Connolly, and Mr. Brockson asked for a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Ainscow, Baylis, Bryan, Bradford, Connolly, Donoho, Grubb, Hudson, Jester, Ledenham, Marsh, Morrison, McDonald, Pharo, Rawlins, Reeves, Welch and the Speaker—18.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong, Brockson, Ellison, Ginn, Hall, Hopkins, Janvier, Lafferty, Minner, Soper, Spruance and Ward—12.

Absent—Messrs. Hazel, Truitt, Townsend, Williamson and Jackson—5.

TRACKMAN KILLED

Monday afternoon about 4.23 o'clock, Robert G. Marcus, of near Elkton, Md., was struck and instantly killed by southbound express No. 11, within a few feet of the Elkton freight station, while working on the tracks of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad.

The trackmen, of whom Marcus was one, were engaged in working on the southbound track between the passenger and freight stations, in charge of Foreman James Doyle. The northbound train due at Elkton at 4.23 was just running into the station, and the noise it made prevented Marcus, who was driving spikes, from hearing the fast train on the other track. Foreman Doyle saw the coming express and called to Marcus, but he did not hear, and then Doyle and Ellis Bedwell, another trackman, ran toward him to pull him out of danger, but were a few seconds too late and narrowly escaped with their own lives when the locomotive was almost on them. Marcus was struck with terrific force and hurled into the freight platform some feet away, crushing his head and breaking nearly every bone in his body.

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WARWICK

Mr. T. P. DeVine was a Philadelphia visitor last week.

Rev. C. M. Cullom was a visitor near Galena, on Tuesday.

Mrs. John M. Holden visited Chester relatives on Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Wilson visited Mrs. R. B. Merritt on Wednesday.

A band of gypsies are camping in Charles Price's wood, near town.

Mass at St. Francis Xavier R. C. Church (to-morrow) Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. E. Holden entertained her sister, of Chesapeake City, part of the past week.

Mrs. L. P. Crawford is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. Alfred Pedrick, in New Castle.

There will be preaching at the M. P. Church, to-morrow, (Sunday), at 10.30 o'clock.

Mr. W. T. Vinyard was the guest of Mr. Maxey Bland, near Middletown, on Wednesday.

Someone has been helping Mr. S. H. Duryea get rid of his chickens, for the past fortnight.

Miss Eula Vinyard has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Urie P. Ginn, during the past week.

Miss Bertha Lynch has returned home, after an extended visit with her sister, in Chesapeake City.

Mrs. L. B. Manlove entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allbrittain, of Wilmington, on Saturday and Sunday.

A number of Warwicktonians attended the Guy Brothers' Minstels, in Middletown, on Wednesday evening.

Quite a number of our young people attended the Supper, on Wednesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Earl Davis, near Sassafras.

Mrs. Mary A. Lofland entertained on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stephens, of near Cecilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lofland and Miss Ella Tobias, of Philadelphia.

The ice being too thin for skating the first part of the week, Miss Jodie Stearns and William J. B. Lofland were among the unfortunate ones, fortunately they did not get very wet.

CECILTON

Mrs. J. D. Boulden is spending sometime with Philadelphia relatives.

Miss Iona Benson spent part of this week with Miss Blanche Padley.

Miss Gertrude Hoover is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. L. Davis, at Cambridge.

Mr. Thomas C. Cruikshank, Jr., was a Philadelphia visitor one day last week.

Miss Blanche Padley spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Clark.

Mrs. Albert Watts has returned home, after a lengthy stay with Townsend relatives.

Miss Lena Buckworth, of Bohemia Manor, spent a few days with her cousin, Miss Olive Fillingame.

Mr. James Smith has returned home, after a weeks' visit with his sister, Mrs. Atwell, near Chestertown.

Mr. Harry Manlove, of Philadelphia, spent a few days with his father, Mr. Joseph Manlove, near town.

Miss Anna Rickards has returned to her home in Philadelphia, after a visit to her sister, Miss Mollie Rickards.

Mrs. Harry Allbrittain, of Wilmington, Del., spent Friday and Saturday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hoover.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1909.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c. by Frederick Knotts at his residence, on the "Appleton Farm," on the road from Odessa to Townsend. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1909—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c, by John W. Carrow, Sr., near Mt. Pleasant. H. V. Buckson, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1909—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by W. C. Money, Executor, on the Elliot-Farm, one mile west of Townsend, Del.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1909—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Jas. T. Shallcross, at his Home place, near McDonough. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1909.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Harry S. Willey, on the John Townsend farm, near Townsend. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1909.—Public sale of Household Goods and Kitchen Furniture by John P. Cochran, Jr,, at his home on the road leading from Middle town to Warwick, Md.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1909.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Manlove D. Wilson on the road leading from Fieldsborough to Noxontown Mills. W. Harman Reynolds. auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1909—Public sale of Stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., by John P. Cochran, Jr., Agt. at his residence, one mile west of Middletown.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3d. 1909.—Public Sale of stock and farming implements, by Martin B. Burris, Trustee for Michael Dignan, at the "Sandy Branch" farm, owned by Nath'l J. Williams, three miles west of Middletown.

PENNEWILL FOR CHIEF JUSTICE

It is generally conceded that Judge James Pennewill, of Dover, (Rep.), brother of the Governor, and the present resident judge of Kent county, will be appointed as Chief Justice. He is universally regarded as one of the brightest men on the bench. A State-wide movement has been started by the "dry" forces in the interest of Alexander M. Daly, of Wilmington, and, until recently a Democratic leader in Kent county, for a judgeship. Mr. Daly was State chairman of the "dry" at the special local option election in 1907. As the Prohibition party endorsed Governor Pennewill, the "drys" are urging representation on the bench through Mr. Daly.

As Judge William H. Boyce, of Georgetown, (Dem.) Resident Judge of Sussex county, will, in all probability, be re-appointed, and, as the Democrats will have two of the six judges, the movement in Mr. Daly's behalf is to make him judge at large.

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Middletown, Delaware

NOTICE!

I, JOHN C. CARROL, tenant and occupier of the house known as the National Hotel, situated at Middletown, in School Districts No. 60, 60½ and 94, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the General Assembly in such cases made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on Monday, the 1st day of March, A. D., 1909, being the next term of said Court, for a license for said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District, at least six of whom are subtantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

C. P. Cochran, W. S. Letherbury, W. A. Comegys, John P. McIntyre, Alex. Maxwell, Joshua Clayton, Jr. Geo. W. Peterson, N. J. Williams, C. G. Cann, Geo. Echenhofer, Cyrus Tatman, W. B. Biggs, Harry Eliason, Corbit Vinyard, Theo. Whitlock. Geo. W. Price, H. W. Richards, Joseph Gary, his Patrick x O'Neal, mark witness to O'Neal, H. W. Richards, S. Edward Lewis, Harry M. Black, L. V. Kirk, Julian Cochran, Freeman Morgan, J. L. Parsons,

JOHN C. CARROLL.

Middletown, Del. Jan. 27th, 1909.

SALE! SALE!

The Busy Store

THE WHOLE YEAR AROUND!

AFTER the Holidays business slows down—trade goes asleep—clerks fold their arms and drouse, for there is nothing doing in most of the stores. All their stock from this season they carry over for next year. But not in this store our motto is: "Never to Carry Goods Over From One Season to Another, no Matter What the Loss May Be." In order to make things hum in our store in dull times, we go over our stock and reduce every piece of goods from 1-3 to 1-2 its regular price.

We are ready now for our Clearance Sale of al our Winter Goods. Sale Starts

Saturd'y, Jan. 30

and will last the whole month of FEBRUARY.

The Balance of Our Winter Millinery at 1-2 Regular Price

	Regular Price	Sale Price
Ladies' and Misses' Suits	$12.00 to $25.00	$7.50 to $15.00
Ladies' Coats, (all kinds)	3.50 to 15.00	1.75 to 7.50
Childrens' Coats, (all kinds)	3.50 to 7.00	1.75 to 3.50
Ladies' and Misses' Skirts	3.50 to 8.00	1.98 to 3.98
Ladies' Waists, (all kinds)	.50 to 8.00	.39 to 3.98
Children's Dresses, "	.25 to 5.00	.19 to 2.00
Ladies' Wrappers, "	.98 to 1.25	all at .75
Dressing Flan'elette "	.49	all at .39
Furs, "	.98 to 12.00	.50 to 4.50
Quilts, "	1 25 to 5.00	.98 to 1.98
Blankets, "	1.00 to 7.50	.75 to 4.50
House Dresses, "	.98 to 1.50	.75 to .98
Sheets, "	.50 to .85	.39 to .65
Pillow Cases, "	.12½	all at .10
Corsets, the W. B. make, all reduced 15 per cent.		
Silk and Bear Skin Baby Caps, .25 to 1 50		all at .25

Our Muslin Underwear Sale Also Starts To-day

With one of the prettiest stocks of ready-made Muslin Underwear you ever saw. Most of them are Samples, which you will buy at 33 per cent. less than the wholesale price. Don't miss it. Come early.

Night Gowns, Petticoats, Chemise, Drawers and Corset Covers.

A. FOGEL,

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

Lumber and Coal YARD

G. E. HUKILL

Middletown, Del.

White Pine, Yellow Pine, Hemlock and Cypress. All kinds Building Lumber, Shingles, Lath and Pickets. Mill Work of all kinds in stock and to order. Building and Agricultural Lime. Woven Wire Fence, Wover Picket Fence, Barb Wire and Plain Wire.

Best veins of

HARD AND SOFT COAL

ALLEN'S BAKERY

We sell Candies at wholesale prices. Examine our stock of candies in ½, 1 and 5 lb. boxes before buying elsewhere.

Wholesale and Retail

Having now completed our first year in the baking business, we feel that we are in a position to give our patrons better service in the future than in the past. Thanking you for past favors and soliciting your future patronage, we remain

Very truly,

W. W. Allen & Son

Middletown, Del.

The Transcript, $1.

February Sale

A lot of new $7.50 Suits in Men's and Young Men's sizes 33 to 42, All Worsteds and All Wool Cheviots: A lot of new, fine $20 and $25 neat Mixed Worsted Suits at $15, in Regulars and Stouts, sizes up to 46. Bargains in Boys' Short Pants Suits at $1.50, $2.25, $3 and $4.50; in Long Pants Suits at $4.50, $6 and $7.50. ¼ off Boys' and Men's Heavy Overcoats, Odd Trousers and Suits. New Spring Overcoats, New Raincoats, New Spring Black Suits, New Hats and New Shoes coming in and ready. Bargains all over the store in Winter Goods to close out.

MULLIN'S MEN'S STORE

WILMINGTON

Notice to Stockholders

—OF—

American Liquidating Company!

You are hereby notified that on January 4th, 1909, in conformity with Section 39 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware, the following resolution was adopted by a majority of the whole Board of Directors of this Company.

Resolved, That it is deemed advisable in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the AMERICAN LIQUIDATING COMPANY and most for the benefit of said corporation, that said corporation should be dissolved; and further

Resolved, That a meeting of the stockholders of said corporation be called for the eighth day of February, 1909, at eleven o'clock A. M., to be held at the office of this corporation, at No. 29 Broadway, room 108, in the city of New York, state of New York, to take action upon the foregoing resolution.

And you are hereby notified to be present at said meeting.

AMERICAN LIQUIDATING CO.
By Charles H. Leach,
Secretary.

January 7th, 1909.

CHIROPODY

MRS. JAMES

Corns, bunions, ingrowing nails or any affections of the feet antiseptically and painlessly treated by graduate chiropodist. Also Shampooing, Manicuring and Scalp Treatment.

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South Broad St. MIDDLETOWN.

FIRE INSURANCE

Town Property,
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Stock and Wheat in Stack
ALSO
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GEORGE D. KELLEY,
Middletown, Del

FOR SALE!

Two nice farms of 200 acres each, good buildings; one on Bohemia River, other on Sassafras, will be sold cheap. Also 130 acres at Warwick and 76 acres and 47 acres at Mount Pleasant, and many other. can sell them on good terms.

G. W. INGRAM,
Middletown, Del

FOR SALE!

112 Acre FARM!

Situated in Cecil County, Md.. 80 acres clear, balance in woodland, 3-4 mile from Railroad Station, 12 room slate roof dwelling, large barn and all other necessary outbuildings. Possession given March 25th, 1909, if desired.

Price Only $4,000

For further particulars, apply to
G. M. EVANS,
Elkton, Md.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Jan. 13, 1909

Upon the application of Howard A. Pool, Administrator of Ella P. Cochran, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein ten times.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written. (SEAL)

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the Thirteenth day of January 1910, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided:

HOWARD A. POOL,
Administrator.

Address, Howard A. Pool
McDonough, Delaware.

∴ CUPID AND PEGASUS ∴

BY JEAN MEYERS

Helen Roberts had a charming room, in which white and pale green combined to soothe and delight the eye. There was a maiden hair fern in a silver stand near the window, and a mass of pink carnations sent forth a spicy fragrance. A "cosey corner," arranged of the latest design, invited the weary to repose. Everything about the room bore evidence to cultured taste and a purse of no "Micawber" dimensions. It was a room in which you might dream of your ships sailing in laden with all the treasure of a South African company —a room where a nightmare would be impossible. But the owner of all this white-and-green luxury was kneeling on the floor with her face buried in one of the wide-frilled pillows that made the "cosey corner" a thing of delight; and, judging from the sobs that were making the afternoon unmelodious, Helen Roberts was in no happy frame of mind, and the pillow was on the dump road to destruction.

The gentle reader will rush to the conclusion that Miss Roberts' dressmaker had sent home a gown that would not be induced to go into a fit. The ungentle reader will at once think that Miss Roberts' lover had been behaving shabbily—that he had, in a fit of absent-mindedness, addressed a note to her beginning "My own Susie." But it was not a misfitting gown, it was an unrequited love that so distressed her on that bright October afternoon. The latest edition of the Stiletto was lying on the floor in company with a cream-bound volume of verse, and to these publications Helen Roberts owed all her sorrow.

Helen's father was a wealthy doctor who was determined that his only daughter should have every educational advantage. So she was sent to the best university in the State, where she graduated with high honors in the department of literature. At the commencement exercises she read a clever essay on "Late Discoveries in Electric Science." The week after the reading of this production she sailed for Europe, where for two years she improved her mind by visiting English cathedrals, German castles and Italian art galleries. As she had been endowed with a fair share of common sense these twenty-four months of foreign travel did not send her back to Claremont with a vocabulary of affected English and un-Parisian French. When she returned Dr. Roberts looked with fatherly pride on her perfectly healthy face, and could not help admiring the touch of graceful self possession that intelligent travel seldom fails to give.

There were others to admire this finished young woman. Not many months had passed before Harvey Stuart, a young barrister of Claremont, showed a strong desire to win Miss Helen's carefully trained heart for his own. But Helen was not at all anxious to give up her lately acquired freedom. However, Harvey Stuart had fighting blood in his veins and the spirit of his Scottish "forbears" awoke within him as he said:

You may have as many friends as you please, but you shall be my wife. If it takes ten years and more to win you I will do it.

So he walked with firm tread down the stone steps, leaving Helen to murmur, with flushed cheeks,

What impertinence!

But she felt a secret misgiving.

For four months Harvey Stuart was devotion itself. He did not refer to his hapless love, but he studied Helen's tastes and comfort in every possible way. He talked well when he chose to exert himself, and Helen at last found herself depending upon his opinion, not only in matters of literature, but also in such personal affairs as gowns and gloves. Most of the young men of Claremont were dissipated society devotees, and in Harvey Stuart's keen ambition there was a welcome contrast to the inanities of her other acquaintances. He had inherited more than a fighting spirit from his ancestors across the sea, and Helen saw that there was a rigid integrity about her lover that would never stoop to dishonor. So she was dismayed to discover that the evenings when Harvey did not call were the longest of the week. His manner was so quietly friendly that Helen was quite sure he had "got over it." But one evening, after he had taken occasion to differ from her on almost every question they discussed, just as he seemed to depart, Harvey drew Helen into his arms and asked, When are you going to marry me, dear?

Helen was amazed, and could only say, I—I never heard of such a thing.

Well, I have thought more than once about it lately, and I intend that you shall hear about it in future. I could not care for you more than I do, and I am almost sure that you love me.

Helen freed herself decidedly at this most uncalled for statement, and raising her flashing brown eyes to the cool gray ones, said, I—I do n—

The negative adverb was never uttered, for the gray eyes suddenly caught fire, and Helen's lips trembled beneath a lover's passionate caress.

For fully ten minutes after that there was no sound heard in Dr. Roberts' drawing room except the stately ticking of the marble clock, while a bronze Hercules above it looked down with contempt on the poor mortals who had forgotten all about time and eternity.

So "they two" were betrothed, and Christmas Day was to see a gay wedding from the Roberts homestead.

There seemed no reason, then, in Miss Roberts' history for this overwhelming grief. What could the heart of woman ask for beyond a luxurious home, fond parents and a devoted lover? The average maiden might well ask this question, but Helen Roberts was not an average maiden. Her soul craved literary distinction, and for some years she had been filling a morocco bound album with scraps of verse, which set forth in rhyme and unreason the various longings and grieving with which the heart of youth is supposed to be filled. There was a rondeau on violets, and (tell it not in Bohemia) there was one, only one, ode to spring. There was a heartbroken poem entitled "If Death Would Come," and there were various lyrics of the "Vanitas Vanitatum" order. It was all very well for a hapless monarch of Israel, burdened with the domestic worries of 700 Mrs. Solomons, to sit down some centuries ago and record his blase views in the first chapter of Ecclesiastes. But why a healthy girl, whose digestive organs had never known a pang, and who had seen only the brightest side of nineteenth century civilization, should sigh for a quiet tomb and inveigh against the hollowness of things in general, is a problem that no weak man will ever solve. Helen Roberts was a woman of liberal education and good literary taste. But she was never born nor made a poet, and while her guardian angel had his back turned she sent her small collection of verse to New York and paid a substantial sum for having the said collection published. The book, in exterior, was all that could be desired. The cover was a delicate cream in hue, and a bunch of purple violets was scattered artistically in the right-hand corner, while in heavy letters of gold was the word "Reveries." The publication of this volume was a profound secret, and Helen intended to wait for the plaudits of the critics before she revealed herself as the "brilliant young author whose impassioned and lofty verse has lifted her suddenly into fame."

On that afternoon in October she had recognized with many a flutter a short notice of her volume under "Book Notices" in the Stiletto. She had taken the review to her own room and there had read what seemed to her a most ruthless judgment. The critic, in two brief paragraphs, had mercilessly ridiculed the "Reveries," while he had insultingly praised the paper, the type and the pretty cover, not forgetting to notice the realistic effect of the violets.

The writer has screened herself behind the name 'Veritas." We say herself advisedly, because a woman, and one not far from the romantic friendships of school days, is evidently the writer of these touching stanzas. There is no real passion in the sonnet 'My Hero,' but the last four lines dwindle into sickly sentiment. The author is plainly a victim of the tender passion, but the object of her regard is to be pitied, if her conversation is after the loving manner of her verse.

Helen felt as if she could never take pleasure in life again, but when 5 o'clock struck she raised her head from the tear-stained pillow and remembered that Harvey was to take dinner with them.

After dinner Dr. Roberts hurried away, and Mrs. Roberts excused herself on the plea of a visit to a sick friend. So Helen and her lover had the library to themselves, and Harvey, as he settled himself in a large armchair, thought that he was indeed a fortunate man in having such a chair, such a grate fire and such a sweetheart. After they had been talking for some time he took up the Stiletto, which had been lying on the table. Helen had carried it down stairs before dinner, holding it at arm's length.

Is there anything good in the Stiletto this month?

It is a magazine that I do not often read, said Helen, stiffly.

Harvey looked a little surprised at her chilly tone and said:

I thought it had usually some good articles. A friend of mine is managing editor, and I may as well confide to you a little secret. The man who usually writes the column of book reviews was sick this time and Jameson, the manager, asked me to take the work.

Helen's usually well controlled heart gave a bound, and, after fluctuating for five seconds, settled in her throat.

I consented, and have not seen the print yet. It was no stupendous work, and I rather enjoyed it. There was very little in the books which they sent me that was worth reviewing. What is the matter, Helen? You are looking very pale.

Nothing, came very unsteadily; won't you read that part of the magazine for me?

Certainly. But you are sure that you are well? You seemed very tired at dinner, but now you look like fainting.

Helen clenched her hands, and then fell back on the old pitiful complaint—that I am sure Mother Eve must have used in the bowers of Eden—the complaint that has covered so much mortified vanity and so many aching hearts:

I have a headache, but it is not bad. Please go on with the reading.

So Harvey opened the deadly Stiletto, and, all unknowing, began to read the pages of book notices. He read well. When he came to "Reveries" Helen gave a slight gasp, but she was holding a peacock fan before her face, and Harvey could not see how ghastly it had grown. The luckless youth rushed on to his doom, seeming to take pleasure in each sarcastic sentence, and almost chuckling when he came to the pity that was to be bestowed on the object of "Veritas" regard.

After he had finished he said, musingly:

That last was a little hard, perhaps, but so many women have lately given the public trash of this kind, that it has become a stern duty to at least try to stop them.

Don't you think it was rather unchivalrous to say such things about a woman? said a feeble voice

Unchivalrous! My dear Helen, book reviewing and chivalry are not comrades. I have heard you say many times that you believe in a fair field and no favor in literature, and that a woman has no right to expect consideration, as a woman, when she becomes a writer.

The peacock fan was flung on the table, and a white faced young fury confronted Harvey, who had risen in consternation. Was his bright, sunny natured Helen going mad?

[TO BE CONTINUED]

INCREASING FARM VALUES

Profitable Agriculture Has Created Demand For Farms

Now is the time to buy land in Delaware. Every official examination of the soil hereabouts and the products there of indicate that there are enormous possibilities in farms in this section of the peninsula. Recently a light reference was made to the real estate agents doing business throughout this section—that they misrepresented the possibilities of the land and overestimated the physical properties. We believe this not true.

We believe that the real estate agents now doing business here are a great benefit not only to this community, but to the homeseeker. Of course they are making enemies of the tenant farmer, and they may have an enemy here and there in the person of a purchaser who imagined that all they had to do was to buy a farm and then put their feet on the hearth stone and sit there.

Many tenant farmers have allowed golden opportunities of improving their farms and their own conditions to slip by. They have either shown no originality and push in an age requiring the limit of both, or they have not played fair with the farm owners. Of course there are many exceptions, and these men are shining lights in their community. Governor Pennewill once said in the Senate that the tenant farmer of Delaware ought to be the happiest man on earth.

But everything now points to increasing possibilities in Delaware farms, and our advice is to buy, even though only a small farm or tract can be purchased. Scores of people from other states now buying farms here are doing unlike those who bought here ten years ago and soon moved away again—they are staying. Those who are here had better get in "on the ground floor."

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Tight clothes and indigestion cause red noses.

A hot bath taken at night affords refreshing sleep.

Sleep with the windows well open and you will awake brisk.

A raw egg swallowed will detach a fish-bone in the throat.

High heeled boots are known to cause spinal complaints.

The yolk of an egg broken up in rose water is a trusty shampoo.

Glycerine and lemon juice in equal proportions whiten the hands.

Mustard plasters made with white of an egg do not blister the skin.

Daily exercise with light dumb bells eventually cures round shoulders.

Sprains should be treated as quickly as possible with hot water, after which the part affected should be rubbed with liniment.

A hot bath up to the neck may save the life of a child in convulsions if given at once. If you have no thermometer at hand test the heat of the water with the elbow.

When washing floors or cleaning windows always put a few drops of parrafin in the water. This will keep away flies, moths and other insects.

Certain kinds of toothache can be relieved by painting the gums with a solution of one-half glycerine and one of cloves. If there is a cavity in the tooth, saturate a small piece of absorbent cotton in oil of cloves, tincture of myrrh or laudanum and place in the cavity.

To mend broken china, spread on the edges a thin coating of white lead, press lightly together with a rubber band, and leave until the lead is quite hardened.

To make your sofa pillow look fat instead of thin, make the cover an inch smaller each way the pillow.

Save nut shells. When thrown on the fire they give a quick, intense heat which will help to brown anything very quickly.

Yellow spots on clothing are often due to acid. A weak solution of ammonia and water applied to them is likely to restore the cloth to its original her.

Laundry soap should be purchased in large quantities, cut up into lengths convenient for use, piled up loosely, with spaces between, and left to become hard. This will be found a real economy. High shelves are excellent places for ripening soap.

To prevent jam from burning, rub a little olive oil over the bottom of the pan before putting the fruit in.

Fruit stains can frequently be removed by soaking the article in milk before washing it.

To keep holes from rubbing in stockings, take a piece of velvet, cover it with gum and place in the back of all new shoes. Any of the well-known cements used to mend china will keep the velvet firmly stuck to the leather.

It is a good plan to buy vanilla from the druggist at wholesale. It is cheaper, and improves with being kept.

When sewing a common magnet is handy to have about. One can more readily pick pins and needless up with it, out of machine drawers and off the floor.

A little bran in the bottom of cake tins keeps the cakes from burning.

Flour for pastry must be as cold as possible; for bread and cake it should be slightly warm.

Strong "scents" are vulgar, and a faint, enbtle whiff of perfume is the height of fascination. It is hard to draw the line. It is safest to have some favorite, and keep to that, judiciously. Unfortunately, sachets and perfumery are popular as gifts, and one often collects a motley array.

Cider, it is claimed, reduces flesh and is therefore an excellent drink for corpulent people. It is said to prevent and lessen rheumatic complaints and gouty troubles, but it must be the genuine article.

In very frosty weather it is the hanging of small things, like napkins, handkerchiefs, stockings, etc., especially when there are many children, that takes the time in the cold air and makes our fingers suffer. Still we like our clothes dried out of doors. It is a good plan to have several strips of line outside of the regular clothesline, binding each end firmly with a strong piece of cloth. Pin your handkerchiefs, etc, to these lines in the house, dropping them into the clothes basket as you go along. Take out one line at a time in the basket, and fasten each end firmly to the regular line with one clothes pin and one in the middle. It will take but a moment to do, and it is a great convenience in cold weather.

There is certainly nothing much more trying to a busy woman than tender feet. Much trouble in this matter in the spring is due to wearing felt slippers; they are so handy and comfortable in cold weather that the temptation is to wear them all day, though they are intended chiefly to slip on for a while in the morning.

Washing the feet frequently in cool water is very helpful, especially in hot weather; also changing the shoes frequently. When the feet begin to ache, even if you have on your most comfortable shoes, try something else for the rest of the day or for a few hours at least. It is quite essential to comfort to have the shoes fit. Tight shoes are not more uncomfortable than very loose ones, nor are they harder on the feet in the end, as the loose shoes rub and produce corns, etc. A change from either for a time will rest the feet.

Powders of different kinds made for the purpose have been found very beneficial, both for the tenderness and pain and to prevent perspiring of the feet. A small box lasts a good while and pays as it goes. Another way to treat tender feet is to wear a low shoe without heels, or better still to adopt the sandal known as the "barefoot shoe." This very comfortable foot-gear gives pefect freedom to the foot muscles and the needed ventilation, and cures bunions and corns if worn persistently, provided it fits properly.

Red Hair and Consumption

A German physician declares that red haired persons are more susceptible to consumption than dark haired people. Some other types, like Scandinavians, who, as a rule are blonde, when transplanted from the healthy agricultural sections of their native country to the congested districts of large cities, offer less resistence to consumption than do native born citizens. Many blondes, however, have remarkable powers of resistence against consumption, while many brunettes offer relatively little resisting power. This, he says, is due to racial susceptibility and change in environment.

HUNGARIAN BIRDS

Some time ago it was noted that the Delaware Game Protective Association had purchased and would make free distribution after the close of the shooting season, 100 pairs of Hungarian partridges.

This bird belongs to the species perdix cinerea, which ranges over Europe, Western and Central Asia and is found in Italy, as well as in cold Scandinavia, plainly showing its adaptability to all climates. It is about twice the size of our Bob White and resembles it in shape and general coloring very much. The sides of the head and throat are of a light red dish brown, while the top of the head is brown with yellow stripes. Across the gray back there are a number of rust brown stripes, extending to the lower part of the body. The breast is adorned with a brawn shield, more or less distinctive and in the shape of a horse shoe.

Owing to the most favorable territorial, climatic and agricultural conditions in Hungary, the partridges have become numerous, larger and more vigorous in that country than anywhere else.

The nest is usually a shallow hollow on the level ground, in which the hen lays from nine to twenty eggs which hatch in 26 days. During their earliest age these partridges feed almost exclusively on insects and worms, to which they later add vegetable matter. Snow and cold weather do not deprive them of food. If hard snow covers the ground they seek berries and buds of trees and bushes. While it is a known fact that Bob White will succumb in a heavy snow fall, the Hungarian partridge can easily work itself through from two to three feet of snow.

The association wishes to make as wide a distribution of these birds as possible.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
OF
St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of

JOSEPH H. ENOS, IN ODESSA,
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1909
From 9.00 A. M. to 12.00 M.
AT HENRY CLEAVER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN,
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1909
From 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.
and at HIS RESIDENCE on Cass street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday, from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WALTER BEASTEN,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE
FEBRUARY 20th, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.
AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
FEBRUARY 222d, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.
AT DELANEY'S,
(DAVIS' STORE)
FEBRUARY 26th, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
SATURDAYS,
FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1909.
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

WHAT ABOUT THAT JOB OF
Plumbing

You are going to have done this Summer?

Call and let me give you an estimate before you give your order. I am in a position to give you the very best materials in all branches of the plumbing trade. All work guaranteed to be satisfactory. I can do your

PLUMBING, STEAM FITTING, Pump and Well Work,

Or furnish you with a

"BUTLER" Wind Mill or Hay Track on short notice.

If you need anything in my line, a postal card will bring me to your home.

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Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the Thirteenth day of January 191?, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

HOWARD A. POOL,
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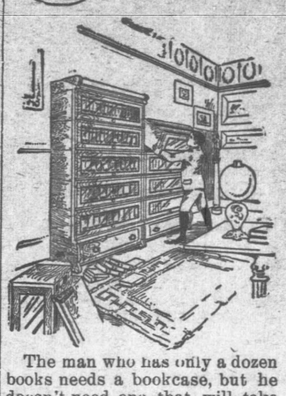

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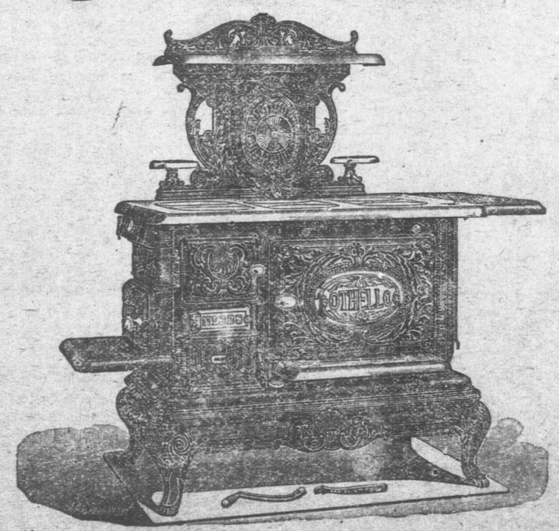

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